

1 An Act concerning criminal law.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by  
5 adding Section 12-21.7 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-21.7 new)

7 Sec. 12-21.7. Leaving a child unattended in a vehicle.

8 (a) A person commits the offense of leaving a child  
9 unattended in a vehicle when he or she knowingly leaves a  
10 child under 11 years of age unattended in a motor vehicle.

11 (b) For purposes of this Section:

12 (1) "Injury" means physical harm to the body of a  
13 person;

14 (2) "Motor vehicle" means every device, in, upon,  
15 or by which not more than 10 persons may be transported  
16 or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human  
17 power, devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or  
18 tracks and snowmobiles as defined in the Snowmobile  
19 Registration and Safety Act.

20 (3) "Unattended" means not accompanied by a person  
21 14 years of age or older.

22 (c) Sentence. A violation of this Section is a Class C  
23 misdemeanor. A violation of this Section that is the  
24 proximate cause of injury to the child or to any other person  
25 is a Class A misdemeanor. A violation of this Section that  
26 is the proximate cause of death of the child or any other  
27 person is a Class 4 felony.

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
29 becoming law.